

REMARKS

By the above amendment, claims 1-7 have been canceled without prejudice to the right to file such claims in a divisional application and without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Additionally, the title of the invention has been amended so as to be more clearly indicative of the present invention and a new abstract corresponding to the claimed subject matter has been provided.

Turning to the restriction requirement of Group I - claims 1-7, drawn to a process, and Group II - claims 8-9, drawn to an apparatus, applicants elect Group II directed to claims 8-9 which are drawn to an apparatus and have canceled claims 1-7 of Group I. Applicants note that a divisional application is being submitted on even date herewith directed to claims 1-7.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants request favorable action with respect to claims 8 and 9.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 () and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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